

Warringa Park School Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2009



Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been at Warringa Park School. It was my pleasure to host a number of students for lunch as part of the positive behaviours program. These students were the winners of a lunch with me as part of the Positive Behaviour Program and we celebrated the lunch at Café 11 with toasted sandwiches, pikelets and hot chocolates. To James, Liam, Naamah, Jacinta, Justin, Zac, Brandon and Madiason, it was my pleasure to have lunch with a delightful group of students who are a pleasure to be with, well mannered and who certainly do speak nicely to each other. Due to an excursion, Russell missed lunch with me today, but we will catch up for lunch another time. I look forward to many more lunches and opportunities to share conversations with our students for the work they have done and contributed to Warringa Park School.



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Sun smart - I would like to remind all parents and carers that in term 4, all students are required to wear a hat. Students without a hat will be seated in a shaded area and unable to play. No Hat No Play.

Performance and Development Culture Accreditation - I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate our staff because last week it was announced the school had achieved its Performance and Development Culture Accreditation which is a wonderful recognition of the school and the way that our staff works within Warringa Park School. There are five elements to this accreditation process and the school was given four years to achieve this. It was not an easy process and is very demanding in terms of its expectations for what the school needs to do and how the staff need to operate within the school to achieve this accreditation. It is expected that Warringa Park School will continue to work towards improving its processes and its operations to deliver improved student learning outcomes and ensure the staff have access to quality programs and services.

New Outdoor gym equipment. As this newsletter is being drafted the new outdoor gym equipment is being installed in the senior oval area. We have waited a while for this equipment to be installed, but I am absolutely certain that our students will thoroughly enjoy using this new equipment as we continue to develop the play facilities for our students.

Have a great weekend and we thank you for your continuing support for the work we do at Warringa Park School.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Parents Excursion to Blackwood 16th October
- ◆ School Council Meeting 11th November 7pm
- ◆ Section 2 and 3 Christmas Concert - 8th December 11am
- ◆ Section 1 Christmas Concert - 9th December 11am
- ◆ Christmas Stall - 8th and 9th December

2010 TERM DATES

- ◆ TERM 4 MON 5 OCT – FRI 18 DEC
- ◆ TERM 1 MON 1 FEB – FRI 26 MAR
- ◆ TERM 2 MON 12 APR – FRI 25 JUN
- ◆ TERM 3 MON 12 JUL – FRI 17 SEPT
- ◆ TERM 4 MON 4 OCT – FRI 17 DEC

In focus this week - Positive Behaviour Program

I would like to congratulate the staff involved in the Positive Behaviours Program, who make sure our students are rewarded for their good behaviour. It is a wonderful initiative; ensuring our students are able to be acknowledged for their observance of rules. Students are rewarded for their positive behaviour in following the Pink Rule - "We speak nicely to each other", by being given a raffle ticket in the weekly draw. I would also like to thank the Café 11 staff for preparing this lunch which the students and I thoroughly enjoyed. It is important that Warringa Park School establishes high expectations for our students in their behaviour and conduct. It is not acceptable for any student, disability or not, to enact violence on a staff member or fellow student. It is important that our students are able to learn without the fear of intimidation, being bullied or harassed. It has been communicated to all our students that if you assault a staff member or another student, a warning will be issued to the student and the parents contacted and if the assaults continue by that particular student, the likely

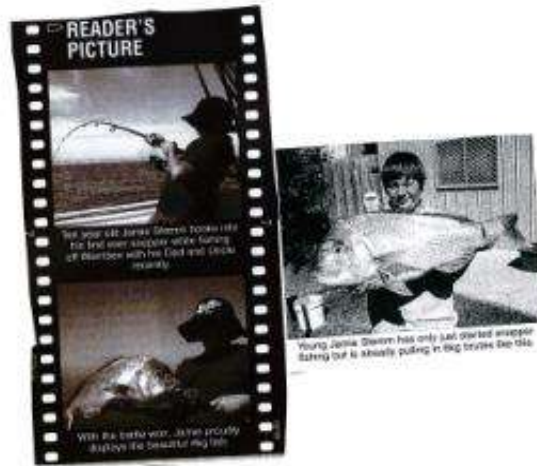
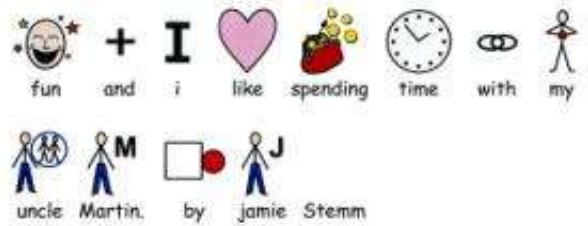
outcome will be suspension from the school. When students leave school they need to abide by the rules of society and they need to learn there are no exceptions to the law. I am seeking all parents and carers' cooperation to ensure that students who come to Warringa Park School are able to learn without being bullied, hit or teased and that these behaviours are not acceptable. The behaviours in the school have improved and we will continue to work with the students and parents and carers to continue to raise the bar of expectation for our students in their behaviour and relationships with each other.

Assistant Principal's Report



"Parents are asked to make sure their child has a hat at school each day"

Welcome back to term 4. As I look at our calendar I can see that it is going to be a very busy one as we complete a year of teaching and learning. I have been delighted to read many of the very positive comments that parents have written in the learning diaries which went home at the end of term 3. The learning diary gives a very good snapshot of the growth in learning that has taken place over the course of the term and the year as well and they are an integral part of our reporting process. I would ask that you make sure you return the diary to school at the beginning of each term so that your child's work samples can be placed in them. I would also like to congratulate our wonderful performing arts students who provided excellent entertainment at our whole school assembly during the last week of term. The short drama 'Café Clown' performed by students in the later years had the audience enthralled and the musical song and dance 'Friends' performed by group 6 was delightful and made us think about how to be a good friend. Thank you to Kym Tonkin and Philomena McBryde for their dedicated work in the arts. A reminder that Warringa Park is a sun smart school and all students are required to wear a wide brimmed hat when outside in terms 1&4. Teachers will be reminding students to wear their hats and to apply sunscreen before recess times. Parents are asked to make sure their child has a hat at school each day. Warringa Park School hats can be purchased for a cost of \$9. The staff will be slip, slop and slapping as well. Marie



A big thank you to the many volunteers who assisted with our big project last Friday. These ladies stayed all day to finish this work and your efforts are very much appreciated - thank you to Bev, Lyn, Jo, Manu, Denyce, Val, Paula, Maree, Rebecca.

Do you want to have some fun and help your child's school - come and volunteer. An hour, a day, a week - it's up to you. Phone Val on 9749 5774.

Perfectly Pampered Night
21st October 7pm

Come on ladies, have a great night and be the ones to be looked after! Have a terrifically girly evening, be treated like a queen and get stuck into some sumptuous food. Last year, the tables were literally groaning! And it's all just for you. All mums and female carers are invited. Transport and child minding can be arranged. Please contact Sally Smith on 9749 5774.

Victorian Student Number

What is the Victorian Student Number (VSN)?

The VSN is a student identification number that will be assigned by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student's school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to identifying information about the student (name, gender, date of birth).

Why is the VSN being introduced?

The introduction of the VSN will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through, and departure from, the Victorian education and training system. It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria.

Why do students need to have a VSN?

In a large and diverse education system such as Victoria's, a standard, centrally assigned student number is the best way to identify individual students. Using a reference number to collect and store data helps avoid the errors and confusion when names are misspelled, changed, or mistaken for other similar names. Most Australian states either have already or are intending to introduce a student number, and the practice is common in many other countries, including New Zealand and Canada.

Where will the VSN appear?

The VSN will appear:

- on common student communications, such as enrolment confirmations and report cards, and
- on applications made by the student for enrolment in new schools or institutions.

Why does the Government need information on students?

The Department collects information to track improvements made to the education system, to identify areas that require further improvement, and to analyse trends and identify future needs. The VSN will simply improve the accuracy, reliability and completeness of this information, providing a better basis for assessing needs and developing policies to meet them. The improved quality of information will also result in more accurate

reporting to the community on the state's education system.

Will the privacy of personal information be protected?

Yes, security is built in to the VSN system and the number itself. The student records maintained in the VSN system contain minimal information about each student -name, date of birth, and gender together with the date of admission and date of exit from each school attended. The VSN system is not a collection point for other student data such as academic achievements and outcomes, health or welfare information. Because the number is randomly assigned, personal information about the student cannot be inferred from it. Access to the data in the VSN system is strictly limited, and the database itself will be maintained in a fully secure environment. The information will be used only for educational purposes and the ways in which the VSN can be used are prescribed by legislation. The legislation also includes criminal offences for use of the data for other than the prescribed purposes. Commonwealth and State Privacy Principles have also been used to guide the design of the VSN system.

Are parents and students entitled to see the information stored on the VSN system about the student?

Yes. A student (and the student's parents, if the student is under the age of 18) may request a copy of the information held in the VSN system relating to that student.

What do schools think of the new system?

Schools, other education organisations and education experts have been regularly consulted during the development and design of the VSN. Care has been taken to minimise the administrative demands that the VSN places on schools. There has been broad support from the education sector in general, for the introduction of the VSN.

How can I find out more?

Visit

www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/vsn/parents.htm or send an email question to:

victorian.student.register@edumail.vic.gov.au

Awards

Section 1

Group 6 - Alton and Bashaar for reading the green level M100W words

Section 2

Group 11 – Brodie, Danny, Luke, Tom , Dale

Group 12 – Christos, Victor

Group 13 – Kia

Group 24 – Patrick, Chris

Group 25 – Joshua – Star of the Week, Ruby, Dylan, Bronte – Helping Hands Award

Group 26 – Jordan, Amy

Group 28 - Brittany

Fundraising

The Jackie's Shopping Tour has now been cancelled due to lack of interest. Refunds have been issued to the few people who had booked a place.

Instead, the Fundraising Committee will be running a different activity this term. We hope to have school community support in raising funds for our school.

We would like to welcome a new member to the Fundraising Committee - Maree Triffett. This committee is made up of parents and carers who get together once or twice a term, have a chat

and raise money for our school. The next meeting is next Wednesday 21st October, 1:30 - 2:30 pm in the parent common room.

This year, the fundraising committee has been able to donate \$1000 to section 2 and \$1000 to section 1. Both of these sections spent their money on toys and activities for the students. We hope to raise another \$1000 this term to give to section 3.

So, if you have a spare hour next Wednesday, come and support your child's school.

Warringa Park School Senior/VCAL Students Disco

A flyer has been sent home to all Warringa Park School Senior/VCAL students with information about the disco being held on Friday 23 October, 2009. The disco is being planned by a group of senior students in partnership with the City of Wyndham Youth Services. **The disco is only for students from Senior and VCAL years.** School staff will provide supervision on the night and if you want further information please speak to Cheryl or Therese at Warringa Park.

Date: Friday 23rd October, 2009

Time: 6.00pm-10.00pm

Venue: Warringa Park School Hall

RSVP Please return attendance slips to school by 22/10 to help with catering and staff supervision required.

No Mobiles, Alcohol or Pass Outs



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The school uniform shop will be open every **Wednesday 9:30-10:30 am**. Order forms can be sourced from the school office, through your child's communication book or on the school website.

The ladies volunteer group is on this Friday and every Friday till the end of term!

If you have a spare hour to cut, laminate and have a chat with Allied Health Staff whilst assisting your child's school, come along on Friday 1.30pm - 2:30pm and check in at reception.

VCAL Parents Meeting

When: Tuesday 20th October at 10.00am.

Where: Parents Common Room.

EMA cheques can now be collected from the school office. Parents and carers need to come to the office in person to collect their cheque.

Canteen Note

Next Friday 23rd October, the canteen will only be selling these two deals.

Special Deal 1: Chicken Fried Rice with a choice of bottle of water OR Strawberry or chocolate milk \$5

OR

Special Deal 2: 4 Steamed Dim Sim with a choice of a bottle of water OR Strawberry or chocolate milk \$4

Please note that all special deals are sold as a pack. Packs cannot be spilt.